may be further improved by giving them a greater supply of medicines.

Revision of the pay of the Panchayat Vaidyans.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, I do not move resolution No. 32 also.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*This Council recommends to the Government that the pay of the Panchayat Vaidyans may be revised.*

Instalment payment for bonafide judgment-debtors.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—Sir, I move "*that this Council recommends to the Government that till the present depression is over bonafide judgment-debtors may be allowed to pay their debts in monthly or quarterly instalments, the total period for the payment of the whole debt not to exceed five years*".

This resolution affects both the decree-holder and the judgment-debtor and it sufficiently safe-guards the interests of the decree-holder. This measure is only intended to give some time to the judgment-debtor to pay off the decretal amount without endangering the interests of the decree-holder. When motions of this sort were brought in this House, it used to be stated by the Government that the interests of the decree-holders who will be adversely affected if such remedies were given to the judgment-debtors have to be taken into consideration. Here, this resolution takes into consideration the position of the decree-holder also and therefore I do not think the Government will oppose this measure. Probably it will be stated that the Chief Court has sent a circular to give some relief to the judgment-debtors. But that circular affects only the sale of immoveable properties. But this affects also the arrest of the judgment-debtors. The position now is this. Suppose a judgment-debtor is arrested for a decree-debt of Rs. 200, and he is then in position to pay only a sum of Rs. 50 and he prays to the court that he may be let off. Certain Judges who have a particular turn of mind do not find their way to let off the judgment-debtor although the Civil Procedure Code makes provision for such a procedure also. The section says that if a judgment-debtor is brought to court and if he shows to the satisfaction of the court his inability to pay off the whole debt then and there and he prays that he may be let off, he can be let off if the court thinks fit to do so. Certain kind-hearted judges make use of that section to give relief to the judgment-debtors. They give time to the judgment-debtor to pay off the whole amount. But certain other judges who cannot understand the difficulties of the poor man, they do not let him off and they say, 'I have no power'. They say it will be going against the term of the decree. So such prayers from judgment-debtors

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